Who was Colonel CastER?

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Colonel CastORR, Robert L, 4511 33rd, North Arlington, Virginia, Area Code: 703 536-7850, employed by "National Federation of Independent Businesses," Washington, D.C.

Colonel CastORR is formerly of Dallas, and a close friend of former General Edwin A. Walker.

In Mark Lane's book RUSH TO JUDGMENT, Mr. Lane details an interview he had with Mrs. Nancy Perrin Rich on April 18, 1966. In this interview, Mrs. Rich explains how part of what she told Commission attorney Hubert was stricken from the official record.

She told them:

> "So we all walked in the back (during the meeting) and, my God, I thought I'd walked into an Army Supply Depot. There were guns...hand grenades...a land torpedo... probably half a dozen land mines...I got the general impression from what was said that these were pilfered from the United States Army or Air Force bases."
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> RUSH TO JUDGMENT, P. 297

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Connell voiced the opinion that General Edwin A. Walker and Colonel [illegible] Castor, a close acquaintance of Walker, have been trying to arouse the feelings of the Cuban refugees in Dallas against the Kennedy Administration. She based this statement on information furnished her by various Cubans to the effect that Walker and Castor made speeches before Cuban groups in recent months in the Dallas area in opposition to the Kennedy Administration policies.

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Father M. Chamu...acknowledges knowing Colonel and Mrs. Castor. He said Colonel Castor is a retired army colonel. That Castor seemed generally interested in the plight of the Cuban refugees, but that he always felt that Colonel Castor was playing the role of an "intelligence officer" in his contacts with the Cubans, that he seems to be more interested in their political feelings than their economic plight or their social problems in a new country.

[illegible]...Secret Service

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Mr. Hubert:...I think you have mentioned that you saw Ruby at a certain meeting...and there was a general discussion of [illegible] refugees...

Mrs. Rich:...There was a Colonel or Light Colonel, I forget which (at the present time). I also forget whether he was Air Force or Army, I seem to be under the impression he was regular Army...and I believe his name was Dave (Cherry, friend of Jack Ruby)...Dave...was a bartender for the Carver Bar Club on Commerce Street in Dallas...They wanted somebody to [illegible] a boat...someone that knew Cuba...So they were going to bring Cuban refugees out into Miami...

Mr. Hubert: [illegible] $15,000?

Mrs. Rich: Yes.

Mr. Hubert: Who told him so?

Mrs. Rich: The colonel.

Mr. Hubert:...what was the general discussion (at the meeting)?

Mrs. Rich: The general gist of it was we were going to obtain a boat, the Colonel could obtain various things...we were going to...pick up Cuban refugees, and bring them over to the main coast...there was the Colonel and another middle-aged woman, kind of a real old grouch (as I would describe her), steel-gray hair. Looked rather manly...Then it came out--it was quite blank. We were going to bring Cuban refugees out--that we were going to our military supplies and [illegible] rifles in...(then) the

colonel clarified it. The colonel seemed to be the head of it and seemed to do all the talking.

Mr. Hubert...Could you describe what the Colonel looked like?

Mrs. Rich: Vaguely. I would say approximately 45 or 50, perhaps a little younger. He was kind of bald, and that may have made him look older. As I recall, a rather slightly build man--and I would not swear to it.

Mr. Hubert: Did he have any other characteristics?

Mrs. Rich: Not that I can recall, sir.

Mr. Hubert...Did he tell you whom he was representing in this matter?

Mrs. Rich: Not exactly; that fact never did come clear to me. A group of people.

Mr. Hubert: Well, did he indicate in any way that he was not one officially, in his official capacity?

Mrs. Rich: No; he was not acting officially.

Mr. Hubert: How do you know that?

Mrs. Rich: Because of certain statements that were made--statements such as... that have been issued until at the base for the last year or maybe getting preparations for this--something military equipment, I suppose will mean, for explosives, et cetera, as I understood it...During the meeting, I had the closet of my life. Apparently they were having a--I don't know, a family conflict. Mr. Rich naturally said that 'Ruby can't be involved in this' and she said 'I am' and she called in my little friend Lisa Ruby...

Mr. Hubert: Now, what fact occurred to give you the impression that there was a fight with respect to money?

Mrs. Rich: ...part I remember statements that led me to believe that perhaps they were talking in terms of money. And then Ruby came in, and everybody had a--like this, you know, a big conference. Here comes the Saviour, I presume. And he looked over and looked at me. I took one look at him, and we glared, and never spoke a word. I shall never, if you live over a--the man. He was the most evil-looking man I ever saw. And he seemed utterly nervous that I was there. He called on the Colonel to go into the kitchen, or bedroom, I'm not sure which. The Colonel escort out into the kitchen, or bedroom, I'm not sure which. Ruby had--and he always did carry a gun--and I noticed an extensive bulge in his--about where his breast pocket would be. But at that time I thought it was a shoulder holster, which he was in the habit of carrying.

Mr. Hubert: He was in the habit of carrying?

Mrs. Rich: Either a shoulder holster or a gun--either in his pocket. I always had a gun in mind for him (when Mrs. Rich worked for Ruby). That is normal...

Mr. Hubert: Did he show any signs of recognition of you?

Mrs. Rich: Yes; he glared at me and I glared back, as much to say to each other what the hell are you doing here...Well, they (Ruby and the colonel) came out and the bulge was gone, and everybody was really happy, and all of a sudden they seemed to be happy. So it was my impression that Ruby brought money to... they decided...they were going to have another meeting, whether were under other people investigation or not, they would have to talk it over with Ruby...

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